

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2004-259-S

Bush River Utilities, Inc. ("Bush River") has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina requesting approval of a new schedule of rates and charges for sewerage service provided to residential, commercial and wholesale customers in all areas served in Richland and Lexington Counties, SC. This application is made pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. Sec 58-5-240 (Supp. 2003) and the rules and regulations of the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

The Company has requested an increase in its rates and charges due to increased operating expenses, and anticipates additional increased expenses resulting from Bush River's need for capital improvements and related environmental requirements of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Bush River is applying for approval of a two step schedule of rates and charges to be implemented in two stages. The Application states that the first increase required will raise rates to pay for new costs created by construction necessary for capital improvements. A second increase in rates will be required upon completion of all construction.

**THE EXISTING AND PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES FOR SEWER SERVICE
ARE ATTACHED HERETO.**

A copy of the application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210; and is available from Scott Elliott, Esquire, Elliott & Elliott, P. A., 721 Olive Street, Columbia, SC 29205.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **October 30, 2004** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2004-259-S.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department in writing, at the address below and Mr. Scott Elliott at the above address, on or before **October 30, 2004** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2004-259-S.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **October 30, 2004**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2004-259-S.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5113.

Public Service Commission of S.C.
Attn: Docketing Department
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, S. C. 29211

2 September 2004

**Schedule of Existing and Proposed
Rates and Charges for
Bush River Utilities, Inc.**

	I	II	III
	Existing Rate	Rate During	Rate After
	\$	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Construction</u>
		\$	\$
<u>Schedule of Residential Rates</u>			
(Monthly Service Charge)			
Type of Residence			
Single Family	18.00	23.06	26.48
Apartments (Per Unit)	17.10	21.91	25.15
<u>Schedule of Commercial Rates</u>			
(Monthly Service Charge)			
Type of Establishment			
Monthly Minimum Charge	18.00	23.06	26.48
Car Washes (Per Car)	2.84	3.64	4.18
Churches	18.00	23.06	26.48
Factories			
Each Employee (no showers)	.84	1.08	1.24
Each Employee (with showers)	1.11	1.42	1.63
Each Employee (with kitchen facilities)	1.39	1.78	2.04
Food Services Operations			
** Ordinary Restaurant (not 24 hrs.)	2.80	3.59	4.12
(per seat)			
24 Hour Restaurant (per seat)	4.19	5.37	6.16
Curb Service (drive-in)	2.80	3.59	4.12
(per car space)			
** Fast-Food Restaurant	2.80	3.59	4.12
(per car space)			
Vending Machine Restaurant	1.67	2.14	2.46
Institutions			
Per Resident	2.38	3.05	3.50
Laundries			
Self Service (per machine)	9.52	12.20	14.00
Mobile Homes			
Per Person	2.38	3.05	3.50
Motels			
Per Unit (no restaurant)	2.38	3.05	3.50

Nursing Homes

Per Bed (no laundry)	2.38	3.05	3.50
Per Bed (with laundry)	2.80	3.59	4.12

Offices

Per Person (no restaurant)	.70	.90	1.03
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Picnic Parks

Average Attendance	.84	1.08	1.24
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Rest Homes

Per Bed (no laundry)	2.38	3.05	3.50
Per Bed (with laundry)	2.80	3.59	4.12

Schools

Per Person (no showers, gym, cafeteria)	.56	.72	.82
Per Person (with cafeteria, no Gym, showers)	.70	.90	1.03
Per Person (with cafeteria, gym, Showers)	.84	1.08	1.24

Service Stations

Without Bay	19.66	25.19	28.92
First Bay (per bay)	27.98	35.85	41.16
Each Additional Bay	13.99	17.92	20.58

Shopping Centers

Per 1,000 Square Ft. Space	5.60	7.17	8.23
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Swimming Pools

Per Person (with sanitary facilities & showers)	.56	.72	.82
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Theaters

Drive-in – Stall	.30	.38	.44
Indoor – Seat	.30	.38	.44

Schedule of Tap Fees

The “Water Pollution Control Division Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loadings of Wastewater Treatment Facilities (1990)” are incorporated herein by reference. To determine tap fees the following formula is used if the customers’ Bio-Chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) factor is greater than the BOD factor for a resident:

$$\frac{\text{Total Volume (gpd)}}{400 \text{ (gpd)}} \times \frac{\text{Unit BOD of Customer/100gal.}}{0.17 \text{ lbs.}} \times \$1,166$$

If the customer’s BOD factor is less than the BOD factor of an equal volume of residential waste, the following formula should be used:

$$\frac{\text{Total Volume (gpd)}}{400 \text{ (gpd)}} \times \$1,166$$